It is respectfully asserted that Conmy does not disclose or suggest that the response from an attendee changes the time of the appointment, as asserted in the Office Action. In Conmy, the coordinator of an event selects desired invitees for the event with a date, time and duration. The system then accesses availability information to determine if all invitees can attend. If all invitees can attend, the system sends an invitation to the invitees, which the invitees may either accept or decline. If the invitees decline, the system notifies the requestor. See column 5, lines 36-62. If all the invitees cannot attend, the system provides alternative event times, which represent the "best fit" for most of the invitees listed. See column 7, lines 38-67.

However, Conmy does not disclosure or suggest that an invitee declining the invitation can in any way <u>change the time of the meeting</u>. Instead, in Conmy, when the invitee declines the invitation, this is merely sent to the coordinator who then must make decisions about how to reschedule the meeting or to not include the invitee in the meeting. Conmy does not disclose or suggest that the response from the attendee changes the time of the appointment, as recited in Claims 1, 17 and 30-32. Accordingly, these claims are not anticipated and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Office Action rejects Claims 2-9, 12-16, 18-23, 29 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Conmy in view of Jones (U.S. Patent No. 5,400,020). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-9, 12-15 and 33 depend from independent Claim 1, which as discussed above is not anticipated by Conmy. Further, because Jones does not solve the above noted deficiency of Conmy, these claims also would not have been obvious over the combination of Conmy in view of Jones.

Further, Claim 2 recites that the step of automatically generating an attendee notification message is performed when the meeting status indication information indicates the user will be late for the appointment. Claim 34 similarly recites determining if the user will be late for the appointment based on the users location information, the appointment location information, the appointment time information and a time associated with a user location information. Claim 34 further recites receiving a response from the attendee, the response including a proposal for a new time for the appointment. It is respectfully asserted that these features are not show in either Conmy or Jones, as further explained below.

The Office Action asserts that Jones teaches generating the attendee notification message when the status indication information indicates that the user will be late for the appointment at column 7, lines 4-32. However, Jones generally discloses a system for notifying persons of the impending arrival of a transportation vehicle. Jones in no way teaches or suggests generating an attendee notification message when the status indication information indicates that a user will be late for an appointment, as recited in Claim 2, because Jones only discloses notifying passengers of the time of arrival of a vehicle. Further, one of skill in the art would not combine the disclosure of Jones regarding the arrival time of a vehicle with the scheduling system of Conmy, which has nothing to do with arrivals of vehicles. Accordingly, this combination can only be made with hindsight consideration of the application. Even if combined, the references do not disclose or suggest generating an attendee notification message when the meeting status indication information indicates that the user will be late for an appointment, as required by Claim 2, or the corresponding steps recited in Claim 34 mentioned above.

Regarding Claims 16, 18-23 and 29, all of these claims recite that the response from the attendee changes the time of the appointment. As discussed in detail above, Conmy does not disclose this feature, but instead discloses that the coordinator changes a time of a meeting if

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desired such as when all attendees cannot attend the originally proposed time. Further, Jones does not solve this deficiency of Conmy.

In addition, neither of the applied references disclose or suggest determining if the user will be late for an appointment based on the user location information, the appointment time information, and time associated with the user location information, or receiving a response from the attendee, the response including a proposal for a new time for the appointment, as recited in Claims 34 and 35. The Office Action seems to have ignored the recitation in Claim 34 that the response includes a proposal for a new time for the appointment. Conmy does not disclose or suggest that response from an attendee can either change the time for an appointment or include a proposal for a new time.

The Office Action rejects Claims 10-11 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Conmy in view of Jones and further in view of Tognazzini (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,974). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

These claims are not obvious over the applied references due to their dependance from independent Claims 1 and 19 for the reasons discussed above, and because Tognazzini does not solve the above noted deficiencies regarding the other applied references. Accordingly, Claims 10-11 and 24-28 would not be obvious over the applied references. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 10-11 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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